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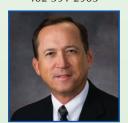
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COMEBACK FALLS SHORT AS HUSKERS START 1-2 FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1981 UNDER COACH TOM OSBORNE

IT IS REALLY HARD TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO FEEL AFTER NEBRASKA'S LATEST ALMOST WIN.

However, yet again Husker fans are left to swallow another heartbreaking loss in a big game.

And now a 1-2 start and surely a divided Husker Nation is starting to develop again just three games into the latest coaching regime's time in Lincoln.

The last time Nebraska started a season 1-2 was 1981.

I was 3 years old.

The last time Nebraska had two losses this early in the season was 2002 during Frank Solich's 7-7 season. And that stretch was the start of the first less-than-nine-win season since 1968 and it made huge headlines since the year before NU had been in the national title game against Miami.

You remember those days when Nebraska was still relevant in college football and it seemed like the sky was falling that the Huskers could possibly be 3-2 after back-to-back losses to Penn State and Iowa State in September 2002.

Now a 1-2 start by Nebraska is not even a side note on ESPN.

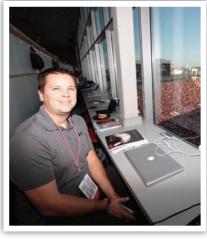
Being relevant in college football is already a generation past it seems.

My 12-year-old child has never known what it's like to celebrate a national championship, let alone even an outright conference football championship.

Three games into 2015 the Huskers seemingly are slipping further away from relevance yet again.

Some might argue there's progress, but it's hard to imagine Nebraska football ever getting over the hump.

Sure, there continue to be glimpses of hope like the dramatic and almost perfectly played fourth quarter at Miami, right down to the converted two-point conversion that



poetically looked like it was for Tom Osborne and his failed one back in the 1984 Orange Bowl.

At that time in the game, it felt like this was going to be that feel-good victory everyone in red and white has been seeking.

The one that was going to kickstart Nebraska on that 11-win march through the rest of its schedule.

The one to show all those Bo Pelini supporters that patience and calmness from a coaching staff can result in comeback victories.

All Nebraska had to do was carry on that momentum it had been gaining all throughout the final 12 minutes of regulation.

Then boom.

One play. One interception.

Like Joe Ganz's costly pick against No. 7 Texas Tech in the 37-31 overtime loss in the 2008 season when the Huskers started conference play 0-2 for the first time since 1968 and last lost n overtime.

The positive energy was gone.

Nebraska's defense fought but the Miami field goal was inevitable.

So close.

Yet so numb.

It just doesn't seem to hurt as much anymore when it's become what Husker fans expect —okay with being competitive, but not devastated by another loss.

But, Husker fans know better.

They want their Nebraska team to succeed no matter who the head coach is and will be here through the losses – the "all kinds of weather" – to an extent.

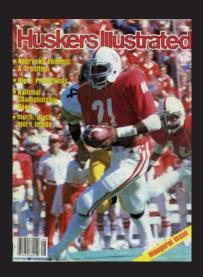
After all, we are Husker Nation.

It takes more than an 1-2 start and two heartbreaking losses to break the spirit completely. There is still hope that Nebraska can get back to the promised land and regain championships on Florida soil like years gone by. N

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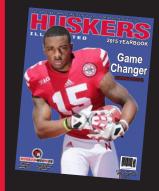
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ON THE COVER

Nebraska freshman wide receiver Stanley Morgan comes down with a touchdown catch from Tommy Armstrong Jr. to draw Nebraska within two points in the final minute of the game on Saturday. Armstrong then found Jordan Westerkamp on the two-point conversion to tie things at 33. However, Nebraska ended up losing 36-33 in overtime.

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RECRUITING NOTEBOOK

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Wide receiver Grim flips to Huskers



2016 Nebraska wide receiver commit Derrion Grim flipped from Boise State to Nebraska after his South Alabama visit.

Nebraska bolstered its wide receiver corps earlier this month with a commitment from three-star wide receiver Derrion Grim. The California receiver loved his visit to Lincoln for the South Alabama game and it propelled him to flip his commitment from Boise State.

The game day atmosphere in Lincoln greatly impressed the receiver.

"The walk through the tunnel to go onto the field is nice," Grim said. "It's like giving back by shaking hands with the kids and making them happy. Then when you get onto the field and you see the time left at 90 minutes but half the stadium is full watching the pre-game warm ups. That's really nice."

Prior to the visit Grim developed a quick relationship with Keith Williams, his position coach and recruiter. The receiver said the two hit it off immediately on the visit and he's excited to get the opportunity to learn even more once he gets to start practicing for Williams.

Grim isn't going to wow people athletically or size wise, but he's very consistent in everything he does and is enjoying a hugely successful senior season with 14 touchdowns in three games. The wide receiver is a shade under 6-foot, but could be a valuable asset in the slot game where he can work against nickel backs, safeties and linebackers. He has good hands and is a strong route runner already - an area he admits Williams can help him as well.

"Coach Williams is great and wonderful," Grim said. "He's helped me learn new things at receiver I thought I already knew. He's always talking about new things."

The big thing to Grim - and one of the reasons he was so willing to flip - was Nebraska's offense. Against South Alabama the Huskers spread the ball around well with three different receivers each coming up with five catches and Jordan Westerkamp finishing with three as well. Grim said Nebraska's offense puts receivers in place to be productive and help the team win games.

Grim said he appreciates the well-rounded approach.

"It helps because their receivers have to be good at blocking, there's still going to be plenty of passes and it keeps everything balanced," he said.

The wide receiver admitted he didn't know what to expect regarding the Nebraska visit, but said things exceeded all of his expectations.

"When I thought of Nebraska I thought of fields and corn," he said. "Then when I got out here I saw all the buildings and all of the people are nice. It's just a wonderful place."

During his second day, Grim said he knew Nebraska was the right place for him to play. The receiver said everything about the school and the program kept adding up for him.

"The education, the wide receiver coach is one of the best in the nation and he can help me get to my full potential," he said. "The coaching staff is great and what they're doing with the offense is wonderful and it'll get me ready for what I want to do next. Plus the atmosphere there is just great." N

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NEBRASKA TRUE FRESHMAN linebacker Tyrin Ferguson won't ever be accused of lacking for confidence.

The 6-foot-2, 220-pound linebacker is one of a small handful of true freshmen to burn their redshirts and play in 2015. For Ferguson, that has meant time on special teams, and backup reps on defense. Ferguson said he believes he could do more if asked.

"Moving to (middle) linebacker is nothing man," said Ferguson, who played outside linebacker and defensive end in high school. "They could have moved me to receiver and I could have come there and played with Alonzo Moore, DPE, Westerkamp. They could have moved me to quarterback and I would have been right behind Tommy. That's just my mindset. I was just raised to be a winner. If you're raised and built that way,

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~ Tyrin Ferguson

NU Linebacker

you can play anything. Never limit yourself."

While Ferguson obviously won't be pushing for reps at quarterback any time soon, the New Orleans native hasn't limited himself since picking up football prior to the start of his junior year of high school.

Ferguson was an accomplished basketball player early in high school career before his passion for the sport waned. The young athlete kept growing, and football coaches at

Edna Karr High School encouraged Ferguson to go out for football.

The question, though, was where on the field Ferguson would use his considerable athleticism. He began his high school career at wide receiver and quarterback before eventually ending up at defensive end and outside linebacker. Ferguson's career didn't get off to a quick start, however. He was injured prior to the start of his junior season, and didn't make his debut until the start of the playoffs that year.

Though Ferguson had limited exposure in his junior season, his athleticism was evident. That attracted the attention of then-Oregon State assistant Trent Bray, who gave Ferguson his first major scholarship offer. When Mike Riley moved on to Nebraska, Ferguson was the first player Bray called to

bring along in the recruiting class.

That relationship with Bray has flourished since Ferguson arrived on campus over the summer.

"He coaches me hard," Ferguson said. "I know he loves me. He's always on me hard. I never get a day off with Coach Bray. You learn from that and grow. He's a good guy to be with outside the field. Me and coach Bray can do some good things."

For freshmen who have yet to prove themselves on collegiate fields, the line between confident and cocky can be a fine one. Ferguson understands that: that's why he's gone out of his way to earn his teammates' respect. He always sits next to junior Josh Banderas in linebacker meetings, and is sure to sit in the front row for special teams, linebacker and team-wide meetings. He said

this Nebraska team is welcoming to freshmen – especially those who let their play do their talking.

"If you can talk your trash and back it up, that's how you get your respect on this field," Ferguson said. "I got ran over, took on a lot of big guards, but I learned from it. Your teammates see the type of person you are – he could be a real good player in a couple years. He could be a good player this season, or a potential leader. You don't hear about a lot of true freshman linebackers, so I just came out here and competed

every day and that's how I earned respect."

Ferguson's confidence comes from his hometown of New Orleans. He played at Edna Karr, a football factory in one of the country's high school football hotbeds. In practices he lined up beside five-star recruits and future NFL players. It's how he went from a football newcomer to earning all-state honors in less than a year.

"When you're brought up against those guys – playing against D-1 players and All-Americans and playing on Sundays, potentially, you have that mindset that you can play with anybody," Ferguson said. "That's always been my mindset. I always went on the field, competed and never cared who I went up against. I don't care if he's 6-foot-8, 320 pounds, I play with a lot of heart and do what I have to do to get on the field."



questions questions with Chris Jones

Story by Lanny Holstein • Photos by Jimmy Rash

Q: How did it feel to get in the game late against South Alabama?

A: "I felt good finishing out the game. You know, it was the first one of this year playing in the game on defense and showing them what I can do. I have to be the one who critiques myself, look back over the film, see what I did wrong, get better."

Q: What were you thinking in that moment?

A: "In that moment, I took it as my time to go in there and make a play. They were attacking and going deep, but you put me in the game and I'm thinking 'Stop the first one."

Q: How much more comfortable do you feel now than when you got here?

A: "It's a big difference now. I feel way more comfortable than I did last year, way more confidence in myself."

Q: What's the biggest hurdle to becoming comfortable?

A: "The biggest thing to me is the big jump from high school to college. You know, you get beat on a route in high school, you get down on yourself. Now, things are going to happen. Guys are in college for a reason, and the receivers are better, faster, better hands, they catch the ball."

Q: Did it take a while to adjust to Brian Stewart?

A: "I adjusted to Coach Stew quickly. He actually coached my 7-on-7 coach in the NFL, so there was a mutual relationship."

Q: Was the Miami game a big one for you as a Florida kid?

A: "You know, every time I think about how I could be playing at a Florida school, but I'm way up here. When I go back, it's like 'Ya'll missed out on a great player."

Q: Was it a big adjustment coming to Nebraska?



A: "Yeah. It was a very big adjustment. We don't have winters like we do here. One morning I woke up for workouts, and it was snowing outside, really cold. I was like, 'I really have to walk through this?"

Q: How close are you with Trai Mosely and Joshua Kalu, the guys you came into Nebraska with?

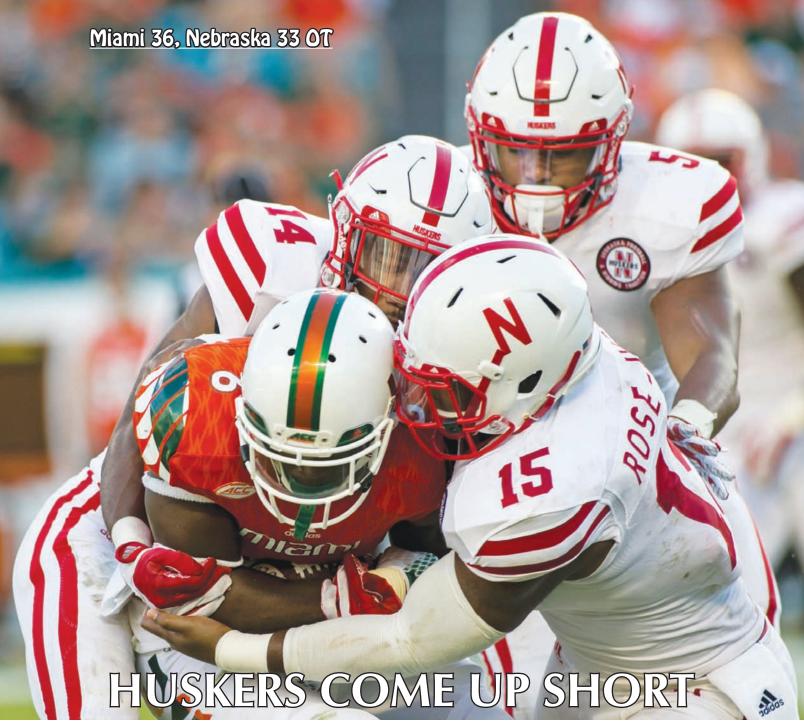
A: "We still are close. We have a friendship that can't be broken. We stayed together in the dorms as freshmen, and we always go hang out. We still are close."

Q: Does that bleed over onto the field into a competition?

A: "It's always a friendly competition. We all push each other to be better. We see Kalu make plays, and then we know that we have to make a play next."

Q: You played on special teams a year ago instead of redshirting. What was your thought on that?

A: "Last year, I actually asked for a redshirt, and they didn't redshirt me. I played special teams mostly. Sometimes I feel that I should have redshirted, and sometimes you never know. I made a lot of plays last year on special teams. I opened a lot of plays on punt return."



AFTER RALLYING LATE

Story by Lanny Holstein • Photos by Andrew Barry

From a snoozer to a classic and then to heartbreak, Nebraska's 36-33 overtime loss to Miami had it all.

After all the positive energy and talk of moving past the meltdowns that littered the Bo Pelini era this offseason, Nebraska let it happen again, at least until the fourth quarter.

The Hurricanes didn't take long getting on the Huskers, putting together a five-play, 65-yard drive on their first possession. They followed it with another touchdown and a field goal on the following two possessions to put the Huskers in a 17-0 hole at the end of the first quarter.

The sluggish Husker offense couldn't match the Hurricanes.

Even in the second quarter when Nebraska managed to slow Miami, holding it to just three points, the Husker offense couldn't take advantage. Costly drops and a number of big-play cancelling penalties plagued the unit.

"Illegal formations and false starts and holding calls and too many men in the huddle, we can't have that," quarterback Tommy Armstrong said. "That's high school and middle school mistakes."

That all changed in the fourth quarter when Armstrong decided to take things into his own hands. The signal caller told his offensive linemen to do what they could, and he would provide the spark.

"If things break down, just expect me to run for a little bit with those guys not covering me," he told his teammates. "I'm going to take off a few times to get these guys to stop bailing so much and come down to respect the run. That helped a little bit."

Trailing 33-10 with under nine minutes to go in the game, that helped a lot. Nebraska scored 23 unanswered points in the final 8:36 to send it to overtime.

"Things were not going very good, and I really appreciate how he just kept competing," coach Mike Riley said. "I think that's just a real credit to him. It was hard because there was a lot of bad stuff with the pass rush, dropped balls."

In the end, an interception on Nebraska's only possession of overtime sealed the team's fate, and the storybook ending wasn't to be.

As Armstrong rolled to his right, he heaved a pass toward the front corner of the end zone and into the waiting arms of a Miami defender. Hurricane kicker Michael Badgley put one through the uprights to beat the Huskers on Miami's ensuing possession.

"We had a play action pass," Riley said of the play call on the interception. "It was actually a throw back, and the initial receiver got covered, Cethan Carter. Then (Armstrong) got flushed away from the intent of the route and maybe didn't see the guy."

The interception wasted what would have been the largest comeback win in Nebraska history (24 points) and a gutsy, three-touchdown fourth quarter from Armstrong. Nebraska's mantra after the game was encapsulating the way it played in the final period and carrying it into the rest of the season.

After losing on a Hail Mary to BYU and in overtime to Miami, the Huskers sit at 1-2 but know they could easily be 3-0 had they played more consistently.

"That was the football team that I've seen in the spring and the fall in the last 10-15 minutes of the game," Armstrong said. "We have to play four quarters like that. It's all about consistency. We've seen games where we are great two or three quarters, but it stops in one quarter, and we happen to lose the game."



Stanley Morgan Jr. fights for the touchdown catch to send the game to overtime.



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Brandon Reilly breaks a tackle from Miami linebacker Jermaine Grace.

Offense pulls together to mount comeback

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY ANDREW BARRY



ebraska's Mike Riley didn't care much for the way his team performed while digging itself a 27-3 hole at Miami.

However, the Cornhuskers' first-year head coach said he really appreciated the fight and determination Nebraska's players displayed during their second-half rally. NU surged for 23 points in the final 8:36 to force overtime before finally losing to the Hurricanes 36-33.

"I like this team," Riley said. "You can't help but appreciate what happened in that second half today, but there's always going to be something that gnaws at you because you know it doesn't have to be like that."

Had the Huskers been able to pull out the victory, it would've been the largest come-

back in school history. That mark was set in 2011 when Nebraska rallied from 21 points down to beat Ohio State at Memorial Stadium

While not ultimately successful, Nebraska's comeback against Miami was arguably more impressive because it came on the road. The Huskers also had to battle through warm temperatures – it was 81 degrees at kickoff with a relative humidity of 58 percent – in a game that lasted four hours and 13 minutes.

"I was proud of that – the fact that they had enough left in the fourth quarter to play and compete like that," Riley said. "I really liked that and (the players) liked it, too. They were really, really into it."

Nebraska wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said the rally to force overtime felt "great."

"This team has a lot of fight," Westerkamp said. "We showed that against BYU as well, coming back, and that's a great attribute to have as a team.

"We need to never give up – we never will. We've got leaders on offense and defense that will never let that happen."

Even after suffering two emotional losses in three games to start the season, Riley said he expected the Huskers to bounce back and prepare well for their next game against Southern Miss.

"I just haven't seen the kind of attitude from them yet, where practices weren't good," Riley said. "I'm going to assume that they're going to be ready to go.

"I've been impressed with all three game weeks and the work leading up to them."



Josh Banderas tries to tackle Miami running back Mark Walton.

Defense rebounds after rough first quarter

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTOS BY ANDREW BARRY

he combination of another narrow loss and the failure to execute early in the game left a bitter taste in the mouth of several Nebraska defensive players following their team's 36-33 overtime setback at Miami.

The Hurricanes built a 17-0 first-quarter lead, gaining 179 yards of total offense in the first 15 minutes alone against the Blackshirts, who were playing on the road for the first time this season. Miami quarterback Brad Kaaya was 9-of-14 passing for 141 yards and two touchdowns in the opening frame.

"Basically, we didn't execute," Nebraska defensive end Greg McMullen said. "We're not doing the things we're supposed to do. We're not doing the things we do in practice and that, obviously, hurt us with big plays and them getting off to a hot start.

"Looking back, obviously, a lot of stuff ought to change. But unfortunately, you can't."

Nebraska's defense allowed just three



Before being benched, Daniel Davie tries to defend Miami wide receiver Herb Waters in the first guarter.

field goals in the final 28:50. However, a 41-yard TD run by Joe Yearby with 13:50 remaining in the third quarter helped Miami build what appeared to be an insurmountable 27-3 lead.

Kaaya finished 25-of-42 passing for

379 yards with two TDs and an interception. The sophomore signal-caller was sacked just once, that coming in the second quarter when Nebraska defensive end Freedom Akinmoladun got to him for a 12-yard loss.

"He's a good quarterback," Nebraska safety Nate Gerry said of Kaaya. "He's the best we've faced so far. He's just really poised in the pocket and he knows where he wants to go with the ball."

The Huskers mounted a furious fourthquarter rally scoring 23 points in the final 8:36 of regulation to force overtime with the score tied at 33-33. However, Gerry said his team never should've put itself in such a bad position.

"It's tough. It's emotional, but we kind of put it on ourselves," said Gerry, who recorded a team-high nine tackles against the Hurricanes. "We made a lot of mistakes on our end that we could've eliminated early. They kind of got a quick jump on us and it kind of bit us in the end.

"The ballgame could've been a whole lot different if we would've played our game."

Husker Drive of the Game





Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. escapes a tackle to pick up a key first down on NU's final drive of regulation.

An Almost Historic Drive Sends Game into OT

STORY BY SHANE G. GILSTER | PHOTO BY ANDREW BARRY

t was a drive that could have been one of the greatest in Husker history. It brought back memories of the 1984 Orange Bowl against the Hurricanes where NU drove the field late in the game and scored a touchdown, only to see the two-point conversion fall incomplete in a 31-30 loss.

Nebraska saw themselves in a similar position in 2015. Needing a touchdown and two-point conversion, NU quarter-back Tommy Armstrong made two big plays on the drive - a 41-yard pass play and a 16-yard first down scramble on a third and thirteen.

Those two plays paved the way for a touchdown pass by Armstrong Jr. to true

freshman receiver Stanley Morgan Jr. Morgan Jr. caught his first career touchdown pass with only 33 second left in the game. Morgan Jr. made a leaping catch over the defender, who also was flagged for pass interference.

Unlike the '84 game, Nebraska made the all-important 2-point conversion and sent the game into overtime.

There was a lot of misdirection in that play; a high completion play," said NU receiver Jordan Westerkamp on the conversion play. "Tommy made a great read, fired it in there, and I caught it."

The Huskers later lost the game in overtime, falling short on what would have been the largest comeback win in school history.

Breakdown - Play by Play

1-10 NEB 13: Tommy Armstrong Jr. complete pass to Terrell Newby for 4 yards to NEB 17

2-6 NEB 17: Tommy Armstrong Jr. complete pass to Brandon Reilly for 41 yards to the UM 42, 1st down (15-yard penalty against Miami)

 $1-10~\mathrm{UM}$ 27: Alonzo Moore rush for a loss of three yards to the UM 30

2-13 UM 30: Tommy Armstrong Jr. incomplete pass to Alonzo Moore

 $3\mbox{-}13$ UM 30: Tommy Armstrong Jr. rush for 16 yards to the UM 14, 1st down

1-10 UM 14: Terrell Newby rush for six yards to the UM 8

2-4 UM 8: Tommy Armstrong complete pass to Stanley Morgan Jr. for eight yards to the UM 0, 1st down, touchdown

1-G UM 3: Tommy Armstrong complete pass to Jordan Westerkamp, 2-point conversion

Drive Stats

Drive started on the NU 13-yard line 2:39 left in the 4th quarter 7 plays, 87 yards, 2:06 minutes 3 rushing plays, 4 passing plays 19 yards rushing, 53 yards passing, 3 first downs

Player of the Drive

Tommy Armstrong Jr. made plays with his legs and with his arm. He coolly guided the offense down the field for a touchdown and then made the 2-point conversion pass to complete the comeback and tie the game.

"Give so much credit to Tommy Armstrong," Miami head coach Al Golden said. "He just played all over the place. He got out of the pocket, was 10-15 yards deep sometimes, ran around and just made plays. On a couple of third down-and-longs, we didn't get off the field. Any one of those could be the margin in the game. We had them 3rd and 13, I believe, and he scrambled to the near sideline. He had the stamina, the endurance, and the mental toughness. I'm giving him credit ... he's a warrior."

Play of the Drive

Facing a second and six from their own 17-yard line, Armstrong Jr. threw a perfect pass down the side-line to Brandon Reilly for 41 yards. After the catch Reilly took a late hit to the helmet which brought a flag and added another 15 penalty yards to the play. The play was the longest of the game and one that set NU up all the way down to the Miami 27-yard line.

"On that final drive, things were just clicking, we were rolling. Our mentality was that we were still in the game; if we just keep grinding we would have a chance," said NU receiver Jordan Westerkamp.

Miami 36, Nebraska 33 OT Sept. 19, 2015 at Sun Life Stadium in Miami

Attendance: 53,580

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	ОТ	Total
Nebraska	0	3	7	23	0	33
Miami (FL)	17	3	10	3	3	36

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	12:49	UM - Chris Herndon 10 yd pass from Brad Kaaya (Michael Badgley kick), 5-65 1:16	0 - 7
	08:04	UM - Tyre Brady 11 yd pass from Brad Kaaya (Michael Badgley kick), 4-60 1:36	0 - 14
	01:11	UM - Michael Badgley 23 yd field goal, 12-64 4:38	0 - 17
2nd	08:37	NEB - Brown, Drew 49 yd field goal, 6-30 2:38	3 - 17
	06:05	UM - Michael Badgley 27 yd field goal, 8-60 2:32	3 - 20
3rd	13:50	UM - Joe Yearby 41 yd run (Michael Badgley kick), 4-75 1:10	3 - 27
	09:03	NEB - Westerkamp, J. 22 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown, Drew kick), 10-75 4:47	10 - 27
	03:42	UM - Michael Badgley 41 yd field goal, 12-63 5:21	10 - 30
4th	11:14	UM - Michael Badgley 28 yd field goal, 6-50 1:26	10 - 33
	08:36	NEB - Moore, Alonzo 10 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Carter, Cethan pass from Armstrong Jr.), 8-75 2:38	18 - 33
	03:46	NEB - Reilly, Brandon 21 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown, Drew kick), 9-80 2:09	25 - 33
	00:33	NEB - Morgan Jr., S. 8 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Westerkamp, J. pass from Armstrong Jr.), 7-87 2:06	33 - 33
ОТ	15:00	UM - Michael Badgley 28 yd field goal, 4-14 0:00	33 - 36



Nebraska wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp makes a catch and run against the Hurricanes.

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Miami kicker Michael Badgley kicks the game-winning field goal in overtime.



a call against Miami.



Jordan Westerkamp catches a touchdown pass for the fourth-straight game.

Team Statistics

	NEB	UM
FIRST DOWNS	24	24
Rushing	8	4
Passing	12	18
Penalty	4	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	153	132
Rushing Attempts	32	33
Average Per Rush	4.8	4.0
Rushing Touchdowns	0	1
Yards Gained Rushing	182	152
Yards Lost Rushing	29	20
NET YARDS PASSING	309	379
Completions-Attempts-Int	21-45-3	25-42-1
Average Per Attempt	6.9	9.0
Average Per Completion	14.7	15.2
Passing Touchdowns	4	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	462	511
Total offense plays	77	75
Average Gain Per Play	6.0	6.8
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	12-98	13-114
PUNTS-YARDS	7-278	5-260
Average Yards Per Punt	39.7	52.0
Net Yards Per Punt	33.4	41.4
Inside 20	1	2
50+ Yards	2	3
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair catch	0	2
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-346	8-501
Average Yards Per Kickoff	57.7	62.6
Net Yards Per Kickoff	37.8	38.1
Touchbacks	3	5
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-33-0	3-44-0
Average Per Return	16.5	14.7
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-71-0	3-44-0
Average Per Return	23.7	14.7
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	3-47-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	31:38	28:22
1st Quarter	7:30	7:30
2nd Quarter	8:05	6:55
3rd Quarter	7:24	7:36
4th Quarter	8:39	6:21
OT Quarter	0:00	0:00
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 15	3 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	7-8
Touchdowns	3-4	2-8
Field goals	0-4	5-8
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-12	2-23
PAT Kicks	2-2	3-3
Field Goals	1-1	5-5
Points off turnovers	0	3





Nebraska

Rushing	No.	Gain l	oss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Newby, Terrell	14	83	1	82	0	23	5.9
Armstrong Jr.	11	72	23	49	0	18	4.5
Reilly, Brandon	2	14	0	14	0	10	7.0
Cross, Imani	4	13	2	11	0	8	2.8
Moore, Alonzo	1	0	3	-3	0	0	-3.0
Totals	32	182	29	153	0	23	4.8

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Armstrong Jr.	21-45-3	309	4	41	2
Totals	21-45-3	309	4	41	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Westerkamp, J.	5	95	1	31
Reilly, Brandon	4	83	1	41
Morgan Jr., S.	4	78	1	33
Newby, Terrell	4	16	0	7
Allen, Taariq	1	12	0	12
Moore, Alonzo	1	10	1	10
Cotton, Sam	1	8	0	8
Carter, Cethan	1	7	0	7
Totals	21	309	4	41

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Foltz, Sam	7	278	39.7	56	1	0
Totals	7	278	39.7	56	1	

	Punt						Intercept		
Returns	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Westerkamp, J.	2	33	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan Jr., S.	0	0	0	3	71	27	0	0	0
Kalu, Joshua	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	2	33	24	3	71	27	1	0	0

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Brown, Drew	2nd	08:37	49 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	A۱	Avg		ОВ						
Brown, Drew	6	346	57	57.7		57.7		57.7		57.7		0
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All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	<u>Total</u>						
Morgan Jr., S.	0	78	71	0	0	149						
Westerkamp, J.	0	95	0	33	0	128						
Newby, Terrell	82	16	0	0	0	98						
Reilly, Brandon	14	83	0	0	0	97						

Miami (FL)

Rushing	No.	Gain I	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Joe Yearby	17	125	0	125	1	41	7.4
Mark Walton	10	24	1	23	0	6	2.3
Malik Rosier	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Team	2	0	5	-5	0	0	-2.5
Brad Kaaya	3	3	12	-9	0	2	-3.0
Totals	33	152	20	132	1	41	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Brad Kaaya	25-42-1	379	2	52	1
Totals	25-42-1	379	2	52	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Rashawn Scott	9	151	0	52
Herb Waters	4	82	0	38
Chris Herndon	3	32	1	12
Tyre Brady	2	45	1	34
David Njoku	2	23	0	13
Lawrence Cager	2	16	0	10
Mark Walton	1	13	0	13
Standish Dobard	1	12	0	12
Joe Yearby	1	5	0	5
Totals	25	379	2	52

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Justin Vogel	5	260	52.0	63	2	1
Totals	5	260	52.0	63	2	1

		Punt		K	icko	ff	Intercept			
Returns	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	
Corn Elder	3	44	16	0	0	0	1	47	47	
Mark Walton	0	0	0	1	13	13	0	0	0	
Standish Dobard	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Artie Burns	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Stacy Coley	0	0	0	1	31	31	0	0	0	
Deon Bush	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Totals	3	44	16	3	44	31	3	47	47	

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Michael Badgley	1st	01:11	23 yards	Good
Michael Badgley	2nd	06:05	27 yards	Good
Michael Badgley	3rd	03:42	41 yards	Good
Michael Badgley	4th	11:14	28 yards	Good
Michael Badgley	OT	15:00	28 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Jon Semerene	8	501	62.6	5	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Rashawn Scott	0	151	0	0	0	151
Joe Yearby	125	5	0	0	0	130
Corn Elder	0	0	0	44	47	91
Herb Waters	0	82	0	0	0	82



Above: Stanley Morgan Jr. makes a Miami defender miss. Right: Coach Mike Riley claps his hands before the game.



Defensive Statistics

# Nebraska	Solo	Ast	Total S	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
25 Gerry, Nate	7	2	9	_	1-1	-	-	_	2	-	_
91 Akinmoladun, F.	5	1	6	1.0-12	1-12	-	-	-	-	-	_
5 Young, Dedrick	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Collins, Maliek	4	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
1B Kalu, Joshua	3	1	4	-	_	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
1A Rose-Ivey, M.	3	1	4	-	1-1	-	-	-	1	-	-
14 Rose, Jonathan	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90 McMullen, Greg	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 Janovich, Andy	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8A Jones, Chris	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28 Cockrell, B.	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
55 Maurice, Kevin	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52 Banderas, Josh	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Davie, Daniel	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
3A Brown, Drew	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
29 Nabity, Graham	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	_
43 Ferguson, Tyrin	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
88 Dzuris, Ross	0	1	1	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	_
Totals	44	14	58	1.0-12	4-15	0	0-0	1-0	5	0	0
# Miami (FL)	Solo			Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds		FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
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56 Raphael Kirby	4	6	10	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Jermaine Grace	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
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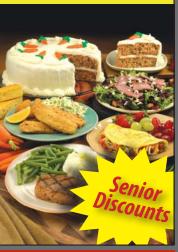
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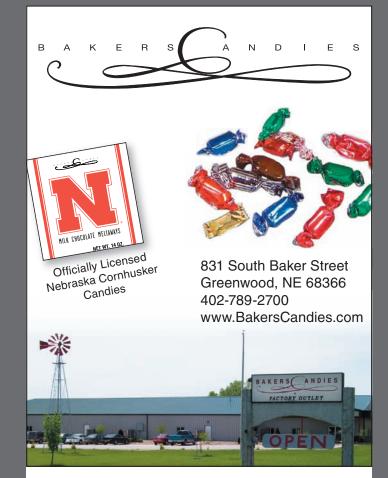
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RUSHING OFFENSE: Nebraska didn't do itself many favors on the ground by spotting Miami a quick 17-0 lead. That fact limited what offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf could call, at least early on in the game. Terrell Newby ran well at times, but it wasn't anywhere near the kind of production we saw against South Alabama.

The most dangerous runner was Tommy Armstrong, who kept plays alive and picked up first downs with his feet when Miami's players kept dropping deep into coverage. Newby finished with 82 yards on the ground. Armstrong added 72 yards on 11 attempts not counting sack yardage. For the day, Nebraska finished with 153 yards on the ground. That number needs to get better, though the Huskers did finish with seven plays of better than 10 yards. – Michael

PASSING OFFENSE: It was a topsy turvy day for Nebraska's passing offense.

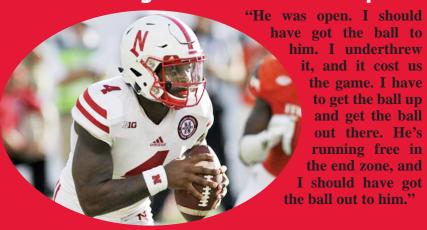
The Huskers struggled to protect Armstrong all night, and several first-half drops ended several Nebraska drives that allowed Miami to control the game and the clock early on. In the second half, Nebraska's wide receivers made plays – both Stanley Morgan and Brandon Reilly made tough touchdown catches, as did Jordan Westerkamp. Armstrong finished his night 21-for-45 with four touchdowns and three interceptions. – Michael Bruntz

RUSHING DEFENSE: Miami finished with 132 yards rushing on 33 carries in the game, and the defensive line made several key stops in the second half, in particular a late third-and-one that set up Nebraska's tying touchdown in the fourth quarter. Nebraska was playing limited late in the game – Michael Rose-Ivey injured a groin, and Josh Banderas was playing injured in the game as well. Even so, Miami had just two rushes of better than 10 yards in the contest. – *Michael Bruntz*

PASSING DEFENSE: Fears about Nebraska's passing defense came home to roost, especially early in Saturday's loss to the Hurricanes. Miami hit several deep balls early in the game, and found easy yardage through the air. Miami quarterback Brad Kaaya finished the game with a career-high 379 yards in the contest. He also added two touchdowns and threw one interception. Nebraska wasn't able to get a sustained pass rush on the Hurricanes' quarterback. The Huskers totaled one sack, but too often Kaaya had enough time to get the ball to his receivers down field. – *Michael Bruntz*

KICKING/SPECIAL TEAMS: Punter Sam Foltz didn't appear to be his usual self, averaging 39.7 yards per kick, but struggling in the first quarter, hitting kicks of 36 yards, 10 yards and 38 yards that gave Miami better field position than the Hurricanes might have expected. Jordan Westerkamp gave Nebraska a little boost in the punt return game, returning a punt 24 yards. Drew Brown hit a career-long 49-yard field goal in the second quarter to get Nebraska on the board. – *Michael Bruntz*

Quoting NU quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. on the final interception:



Game Notes

Foltz Not Himself

Nebraska got its starting punter back for the game in Miami after he suffered an ankle sprain in the opener, but it didn't get the kind of performance it wanted out of preseason Lou Groza Award watchlister Sam Foltz.

Foltz punted seven times, averaging 39.7 yards a kick, but his first three punts travelled just 36, 10 and 38 yards.

"I'm so embarrassed with my performance tonight," Foltz said after the game. "There's just no excuse. The ankle should not be an excuse. It should not be an issue. I just have to bounce back."

Foltz injured his left, plant ankle against BYU two weeks prior to playing Miami, and he missed the game with South Alabama because of it. He said he felt 100 percent recovered Saturday.

"I felt good, and I was happy to be back out there," Foltz said. "It sucks missing a game, but I felt good being back out there, but I just didn't perform well at all."

The 10-yard punt was the worst of Foltz career, a shank off the side of his foot.

"It was into the wind, so I couldn't' really ozzie punt into the wind, so I tried to let up on it and hit a nice spiral into the wind, pierce the wind, but it didn't work out that way," he said.

Daniel Davie Gets Pulled Early

The Miami game plan appeared to have Husker cornerback Daniel Davie all over it, and not in a good way. The Hurricanes came right out of the tunnel throwing at the senior cornerback after he struggled against South Alabama.

Nebraska left him on the field for just two possessions before seeing him give up a couple bad plays. Defensive coordinator Mark Banker had seen enough.

"He's fighting it," Banker said. "He came off after that first series with a bad look on his face, and then he gave up another deep inside route, and that was it. We just shut him down, let him gather himself together."

Jonathan Rose got the call in Davie's absence, playing the corner position opposite Joshua Kalu. In Nickel situations, redshirt freshman Chris Jones was used on the outside and Kalu slid to the interior.

When Jones was dinged in the second quarter and missed a few snaps, Trai Mosely earned himself a few snaps as well. Banker didn't want to bring Davie back into the game, even for a few plays.

"It doesn't make him a bad person," the coordinator said. "He's just struggling right now, we can see that. We just need to go back to the drawing board and work on it in practice."

Stanley Morgan Plays Best Game

Wide receiver Stanley Morgan garnered a bunch of headlines in fall camp, turning heads with his hands and size, but he hadn't shown that ability in game until Saturday. Through two games, the true freshman only

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Miami's Braxton Berrios gets behind Nebraska defensive back Josh Kalu in one of several big plays for the Hurricans.

had five catches for 48 yards, but he put together a four catch, 78 yard performance against the Hurricanes. His 8-yard touchdown grab with 33 seconds left, along with a two-point conversion, tied things up and sent the game to overtime.

After the game, the true freshman credited quarterback Tommy Armstrong with getting he and the rest of the team going.

"He is a great leader, a great captain," Morgan said. "I'm glad to have him as a captain. He drove us down the field and made that possible."

While he played the most productive game of his career, Morgan was also involved in a play that may have changed how things unfolded.

On the last Nebraska possession of the first half, Morgan ran a route into the end zone on the right sideline, but Armstrong left the pass on Morgan's outside shoulder where he wasn't looking, resulting in a drive killing interception.

"That was all my fault," Morgan said. "I tried to release outside and go back inside, and I can't do that. That's all on me. It feels like I'm not a freshman, and I have to really go ahead and do it."

More Defensive Woes

The Husker defense gave up 511 yards of total offense to Miami, and the majority of it came through the air. Hurricane quarterback Brad Kaaya sliced up the Husker secondary to the tune of 379 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

"I think he made good, quick decisions, and early on he made some good play action passes that moved our linebackers and isolated our secondary," Husker coach Mike Riley said. "He appeared to play very confidently to me. We couldn't get him to pull the ball down or get out of his rhythm."

The one thing Riley was happy about defensively was his unit's ability to keep Kaaya and the Hurricanes out of the end zone. Kicker Michael Badgely had a busy night, going 5-for-5 because his offense couldn't punch it into the end zone. Four of his five kicks came from 28-yards or shorter.

"Five times to kick a field goal is a lot of points," Riley said. "That part is pretty good, keeping them from scoring touchdowns."

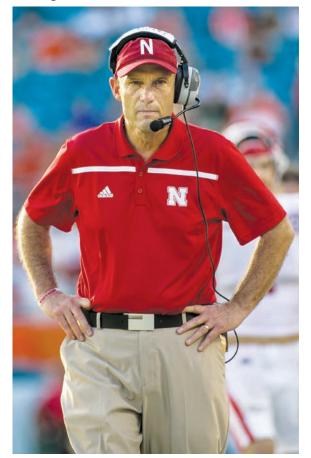
By the Numbers

Tommy Armstrong Jr. accounted for 358 yards of total offense against Miami. With the 358 yards, Armstrong moved past Jerry Tagge, Jammal Lord, Joe Ganz and Tommie Frazier to climb to fourth on the NU career total offense list. Armstrong now has 5,521 career total offense yards and six career games with 300 yards of total offense. Armstrong passed for 301 yards, giving him six straight games with at least 200 yards passing. It was his third career 300-yard passing game - all in Nebraska' last four games, including twice in three games this season. After halftime, Armstrong threw for 244 yards and four touchdowns. In the fourth quarter, Armstrong completed 11-of-20 passes for 184 yards and four touchdowns. He accounted for 204 yards of total offense in the fourth quarter alone, adding 20 rushing yards, including a 16-yard gain on a 3rd-and-13 play that set up his game-tying touchdown.





Above: Nebraska running back Terrell Newby hurdles over a Miami defender. Below: Nebraska coach Mike Riley paces the sidelines during the Miami game.





Above: Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. tries to pass over the outstretched arm of Kendrick Norton. Below: Alonzo Moore battles for a pass.





Nebraska's captains go out before the game for the opening coin toss at Sun Life Stadium in Miami.





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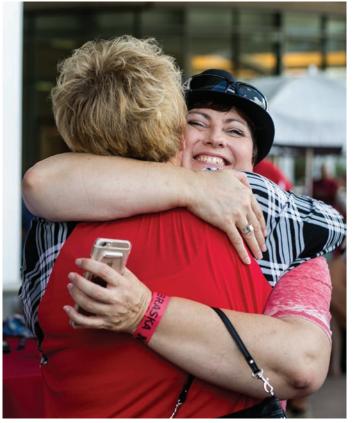
Nebraska fans invaded South Beach for the first regularseason game between the Hurricanes and Huskers in Miami, Florida since 1951. The Canes also won that game, but it didn't diminish Husker fans support on Saturday.





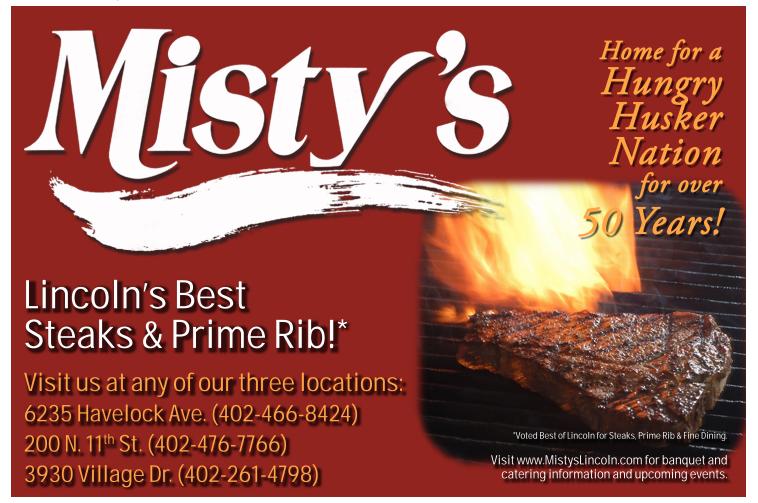


Nebraska fans particpate in some tailgating and cheers before the Miami game.





From left: Stacey Reitz, Jon Reitz, Kurtis Kammerer, Kyle Hirschman, Amy Dennis, Russ Hirschman and Pat Dennis tailgate before the Miami game.



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Stories by Lanny Holstein and Darren Ivy

The mismatch Nebraska's offense chose to exploit against South Alabama wasn't one most people would look for.

Sure, the Huskers were bigger and more physical up front than the Jaguars, and they took advantage of that, but looking at the outside, Nebraska liked what it saw there too.

Even narrowing it down to the receiving corps., most Husker fans wouldn't pinpoint the matchup the coaching staff liked. They would probably choose Jordan Westerkamp, Alonzo Moore or Brandon Reilly as a mismatch for the Jaguar defense, but instead Nebraska liked what it had in a former walk-on with zero career starts.

"I think we all knew as a group that we were going to be in some 1-on-1 situations just with the way that their secondary played coverage-wise," Lane Hovey said. "It just so happened once we got out there that I was matched up against a smaller guy, so that was the matchup that we ended up wanting to exploit."

And exploit it they did. Hovey ended the game tied for the team lead with five catches, and it was only in the second half, when South Alabama put more attention on him, that Hovey's production waned.

Through two games, Hovey was fourth on the team with seven catches for 85 yards, and he shows no signs of slowing down. It's a dream come true for the redshirt junior from Adel, Iowa after failing to garner much recruiting attention in high school.

"Honestly, not a lot was on the table at the time," he said. "I didn't know what I was doing in the recruiting process, so I sent a highlight tape to a couple schools. Nebraska said I could come here, and it was my best option at the time."

Hovey's other options were a handful of local Division III schools and a walk-on opportunity at Iowa. The lack of attention was disappointing to him because of a late revelation in the recruiting process.

"I think for me it was going into my senior year of high school," Hovey said. "We were doing a lot of 7-on-7 stuff as a high school team, and we got an opportunity to go to a national tournament in Washington, D.C., and I was playing with a lot of other guys who were recruited athletes. I realized that the gap wasn't as wide as I thought. I realized that I could play at that level if I wanted to."

As it turns out, Hovey was right about that. At Nebraska, he worked his way onto the field a year ago as a sophomore, and is right in the thick of the wide receiver rotation this season. He was even rewarded for his work before the season with that scholarship offer he wanted so much in high school.

"It meant a lot, not just financially for school, but just knowing that the coaches respect the way that I play and having that support behind me helps as a confidence booster," Hovey said.

The receiver's confidence jumped another notch when he saw the South Alabama game plan. Although he may not always be the featured element, Hovey has faith in what got him this far.

"I always just try to make sure and work as hard as I can, and then I hope the ball comes my way," he said.



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Riley Defends Satellite Camps

The SEC and ACC each sent proposals to the NCAA this past week attempting to end satellite camps. The proposals, if accepted, would restrict coaches from working camps at any location other than on their home campus.

Nebraska held a week full of camps this summer, going to Miami, Atlanta, Dallas and Los Angeles in search of recruits. Coach Mike Riley is a proponent of the camps, but he understands the backlash.

"Everybody's opinion about this, to me, is very self-serving all the time," he said. "If you're in an area where kids can drive very easily to where you are, you don't need or want satellite camps. Of course, if you're a little more isolated from metropolitan areas, then you like the idea of being able to go work for somebody in a camp, and get to work with some kids, coach and have fun with that, and then obviously evaluate."

Riley's pitch for the camps is simple.

"To me, it's a benefit for young people, so I say why not?" the coach said. "It might open a door for somebody that wasn't open before. It kind of just opens up an opportunity maybe for us, maybe for them. I think there are things about it you have to regulate for sure, but we'll see where it goes. It'll be a long discussion."

Suspension Hangover

Through the second half of fall camp, it appeared the tight end Cethan Carter had fallen out of favor with the coaching staff for whatever reason. As it turns out, the junior was simply suspended for the first two games of the season, but those two games and the practice time his missed with the first string units may have a larger impact than that.

"I tell guys all the time, it doesn't sound right, but what happens is, as you get closer to the games in fall camp, you have to start getting the guys that are going to play in the game ready," Riley said. "Guys that I've suspended for whatever reason, kind of get left on the side."

Although the tight end spot is relatively thin, and there are reps to be had, it may not be as simple as coming back and assuming the starting role again for Carter.

"I have seen that make a difference for players long-term getting to play because somebody else got the chance, and did a good job," Riley said. "So there's a danger there when you get into some kind of a deal like being suspended, that you get lost for a while. And that's the reality of it."

David Sutton and Trey Foster moved ahead of Carter on the depth chart while he was gone, but Sutton suffered a severe ankle sprain that still has him out, and Foster is dealing with his own minor injuries, so the door may still be open for Carter.

"We are in a situation now where Cethan is back at a really good time for us," Riley said. "We need him."

On An Island

Nebraska's new attacking defensive scheme under coach Mike Riley and defensive coordinator Mark Banker puts a lot of stress on the cornerbacks to contain wide receivers on the outside. Through the early portion of the season there have been



Daniel Davie makes a tackle against South Alabama.

some struggles out there.

"I know how hard that position is to play and I know how good those other guys are," Riley said. "What we're looking for is basically a consistency of being able to, very simply, tackle the short ones, be in a position to knock down the intermediate ones and intercept the long ones. Now that is way oversimplified, but that's really... guys have got to be very aware of who they are. We don't want to give up the big play."

Against South Alabama, Daniel Davie gave up a few too many deep balls for the coach's liking, and he was pulled in favor of Chris Jones midway through the fourth quarter. But Riley isn't giving up on Davie just yet.

"Now when you play a lot of man-to-man and you ask guys to press a lot, there are going to be those times where a ball is thrown perfectly, there is a really good receiver there with good position and no matter where you are in that, no matter how you play it, it could be tough," he said. "Sometimes that happens."

The important part to Riley is how a guy like Davie responds after a game like South Alabama.

"What you need is a guy that has awareness and resiliency; awareness enough to not let it happen again and be in a little better position and the resiliency to come back and play the next play," the coach said. "That is why that position requires both a lot of physical and mental abilities to play it."

Riley left the door open to helping his corners as the season progresses with scheme.

"That's what a corner always has to do is, 'Where's my help?" Riley said. "Sometimes the help he has is towards the boundary because you're blitzing and there is no safety and nobody else really helping you. Sometimes it's low, sometimes it's higher in the middle. So they just have to understand where their help is, play accordingly and we expect them to be really sound down the field."

Hometown Huskers

Dzuris out to prove there's more to him than mustache

Story by Lanny Holstein • Photo by Mitch Otto • Head Shot Courtesy of Nebraska Media Relations

THE GUY BECAME famous for his facial hair before his first game on the field, but there is a lot more to Ross Dzuris than just a magnificent mustache.

The Kearney native is a top backup at defensive end, and he's played in each of Nebraska's first three games this year after walking on in 2012. But when the guy walks into the room, the first thing you notice is definitely the thick, ends curled mustache.

"It just started a few years ago," Dzuris said of the facial hair. "Guys like Jack (Gangwish) just loved it so much that I kept growing it, went with it."

Now it's become part of his identity. As much as Dzuris wants to be known for his exploits on the field and for the playing time he's earned, his official team photo made the national and social media rounds before the season started. CBS Sports' Tom Fornelli

even called him "my favorite player on the team" and said his mustache alone could be one of the best defensive players in the Big Ten, "Mike Riley would be a fool not to take advantage of it."

The stache isn't always in prime condition though. As Dzuris exited the practice field a week ago, sweat had unfurled the curled ends into long strands. It takes a lot of effort to keep the signature design in order, although Dzuris tries not to go too crazy.

"I don't put too much stuff in it," he said. "I comb it out a lot to keep it from getting too crazy, and I wax it up on important days."

Saturdays have become important days for Dzuris this fall. After Randy Gregory left early for the NFL and Avery Moss wasn't allowed back on the team after exposing himself at an on-campus convenience store a couple years ago, the door was open at defensive end.

Jack Gangwish seized

the open starting spot alongside returner Greg McMullen, but Dzuris, who is a year younger and good friends with Gangwish, moved into top backup position when Mike Riley and staff took over.

"It's been real good," Dzuris said. "Coach (Mike) Riley, Coach (Hank) Hughes, Coach (Mark) Banker, they gave everybody a fair shot. They let the film do the talking, and that's it."

Dzuris had a number of players ahead of him on the depth chart a year ago and felt a bit stuck where he was, not getting an opportunity to show his worth.

"It was a frustrating time, but it was out of my control," he said. "There's only so upset you can get about that kind of stuff."

When Dzuris earned a scholarship the week before school starter this semester, it was a breakthrough moment for the Kearney prod-

uct.

"That meant everything," he said. "It was one of my goals when I came here, and finally getting to that moment built the fire even more. It got me more excited to play."

Coming out of high school, Dzuris didn't get any scholarship offers, but he still felt he could play.

"I was disappointed that I didn't have any big scholarships, and I kind of wanted to prove to myself and other people that I could play football at the highest level," he said.

Jack Gangwish also served as motivation for Dzuris. The two bonded quickly in Lincoln as walkon, scout team defensive linemen with a chip on their shoulders.

"Last year I couldn't have been happier for him. There wasn't a bigger Jack fan than me," Dzuris said. "Jack's also one of my biggest fans because my first couple years here it was me and Jack on the scout team d-line, and we kind of kept each other in it. We've been coaching each other the whole way too."



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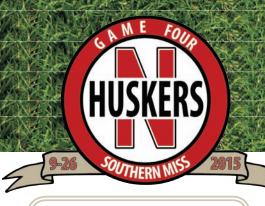


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1	Westerkamp, Jordan	WR	6-0	195	Jr.	Lombard, III. (Montini Catholic)		Foster, Trey	TE	6-0		Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
2	Darlington, Zack	QB DB	6-2 5-10	205 170		Apopka, Fla. (Apopka)		Koley, Creighton	DB WR	6-0 6-2	180 205	RFr. So.	Omaha, Neb. (Skutt Catholic)
2 2	Mosley, Trai Stevenson, Jordan	IB	5-10 5-9	205	Fr.	Pflugerville, Texas (Hendrickson) Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff)	43 43	Classen, Brett Ferguson, Tyrin	LB	6-2	203		Medina, Minn. (Winona State) (Wayzata) New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)
3	Alston, Lavan	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Oxnard, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	44	McCann, Mitch	FB	6-0		Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
3	Newby, Marcus	LB	6-1	235	So.	North Potomac, Md. (Quince Orchard)	44	Stoltenberg, Mick	DL	6-5	265		Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
4	Anderson, Avery	DB	6-0	175	Fr.	Surprise, Ariz. (Pine Creek (Colorado Springs))	45	Natter, A.J.	DE	6-5	250	So.	Milton, Wis. (Milton)
4	Armstrong Jr., Tommy		6-1	220	Jr.	Cibolo, Texas (Steele)	45	Reimers, Bryan	WR	6-5	210		Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)
5	Young, Dedrick	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial)	47	Jarzynka, Matt	DE	6-4	240		Loup City, Neb. (Loup City)
6	Bush, AJ	QB	6-3	220		Alpharetta, Ga. (Norcross)	48	Evans, Erik	DE	6-3	255		Waverly, Neb. (Waverly)
6 7	Lee Jr., Eric	DB WR	6-0 6-3	180 200	Fr. Sr.	Milton, Mass. (Valor Christian (Colorado)) Weston, Mass. (The Rivers School)	48 49	Rahn, Gabe Hemphill, Austin	WR FB	6-1 6-0	190 220		Le Mars, Iowa (Le Mars) Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
7	Allen, Taariq Collins, Maliek	DT	6-2	300	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Center)	49	Weber, Chris	LB	6-3	220		Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)
8	Jones, Chris	DB	6-0	180	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)	50	Johns, Garret	DL	6-0		Jr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
8	Morgan Jr., Stanley	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine)	51		LB	6-2	225		Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
9	Broekemeier, Tyson	QB	6-1	200	Sr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)		Freudenburg, Ryan	OL	6-5	305		Norfolk, Neb. (Lutheran-Northeast)
9	Burtch, Sam	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	Murdock, Neb. (Elmwood-Murdock)	52	Banderas, Josh	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
9	Neal, DaiShon	DE	6-7	250	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)	53	Boryca, Alex	LB	6-2	220	RFr.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)
10	Kalu, Joshua	DB	6-1	185	So.	Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor)		Painter, Robby	0L	6-4		Jr.	Centennial, Colo. (Grandview)
10	Turner, Jamal	WR	6-1	190	Sr.	Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston)	54	Poppen, Garrett	LB	6-1	215		Giltner, Neb. (Giltner)
11	Carter, Cethan Gifford, Luke	TE LB	6-4 6-3	240 215	Jr.	New Orleans, La. (Archbishop Rummel) Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)		Maurice, Kevin Thurston, Paul	DT OL	6-3 6-5	280 295		Orlando, Fla. (Freedom) Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)
12 13	Hovey, Lane	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	Adel, lowa (Adel-Desoto-Minburn)	56	Gaylord, Christian	OL	6-6	275		Baldwin City, Kan. (Baldwin City)
13	Talan, Adrienne	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Davie, Fla. (Flanagan)		Simpson, Brad	LB	6-0		Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Ralston)
14	Rose, Jonathan	CB	6-1	195	Sr.	Leeds, Ala. (Auburn) (Leeds)	57	Sterup, Zach	0L	6-8	320		Hastings, Neb. (Hastings St. Cecilia)
15	Pierson-El, De'Mornay	WR	5-9	185	So.	Alexandria, Va. (West Potomac)	57	Weinmaster, Jacob	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)
15	Rose-Ivey, Michael	LB	5-11	240	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)		Lopez, Joel	DL	6-2	260		Saint Charles, III. (Burlington Central)
16	•	DB	6-2	200	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southaven (Miss.))		Whitaker, Corey	0L	6-4	290		Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta)
17	Fyfe, Ryker	QB	6-2	210	Jr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)	59	Cleveland, Brody	LB	6-2	210		Ogallala, Neb. (Ogallala)
17	King, Sedrick	DE LB	6-4 6-1	240 215	KFr. Fr.	Plant City, Fla. (Plant City)		Finnin, Matt	OL OL	6-7 6-5	305 290		Crete, III. (College of DuPage) (Crete Monee)
18 19	Barry, Mohamed Keels, Joe	DE	6-3	265	Sr.	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson) Kenosha, Wis. (Highland CC) (Bradford)	63	Conrad, Cole Farmer, Tanner	OL OL	6-4	310	RFr.	Fremont, Neb. (Archbishop Bergan) Highland, III. (Highland)
21	Jackson, Charles	DB	5-11	180	Jr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Collins)	65	Reeves, Ryne	OL	6-3		Sr.	Crete, Neb. (Crete)
21	Wilbon, Mikale	IB	5-8	190		Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)		Utter, Dylan	OL	6-1	285		Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
22	Ozigbo, Devine	RB	5-11	225	Fr.	Sachse, Texas (Sachse)	67	Foster, Jerald	OL	6-3		RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
22	Ridder, Anthony	DB	6-2	205	Sr.	West Point, Neb. (West Point Central Catholic)	68	Gates, Nick	OL	6-5	290	RFr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
23	Davie, Daniel	CB	6-1	190	Sr.	Beatrice, Neb. (Beatrice)	70	Kondolo, Chongo	0L	6-4	300	Sr.	Carrollton, Texas (Fresno City College) (Creekview)
23	Rose, Austin	IB	6-1	215		Lincoln, Neb. (North Star)	71	Lewis, Alex	0L	6-6	290		Tempe, Ariz. (Colorado) (Mountain Pointe)
24	Williams, Aaron	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver)		Hannon, Zach	0L	6-5	305		Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
25 25	Gerry, Nate Holtmeier, Blake	S WR	6-2 6-2	205 200	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington) Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)	73	Hahn, Sam Barnett, Jalin	OL OL	6-6 6-4	300 310		DeWitt, Neb. (North Dakota St.) (Tri-County) Lawton, Okla. (Lawton)
26	Connely, Thomas	LB	5-11	205		Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)		Anderson, Fyn	DL	6-3	260		Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
	Pelzer, Brady	WR	5-11	180		Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)		Long, Chris	OL	6-4	300		Blair, Neb. (Blair)
	Sutcliffe, Jamie	PK	6-2	190	Jr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Utah/Pierce College) (Thousand Oaks)	76	Johnson Jr., Dwayne	OL	6-6	280		Houston, Texas (Bellaire)
27	Foltz, Sam	P	6-1	200	Jr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)	76	Owen, Dylan	DL	6-5	235	RFr.	Westchester, N.Y. (Bridgton Academy) (Somers)
27	Johnson, Noah	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Sutton, Neb. (Sutton)		Knevel, David	OL	6-9	310		Brantford, Ontario, Canada (Pauline Johnson Collegiate)
	Williams, Kieron	S	6-0	190		Shreveport, La. (Air Force Prep) (C.E. Byrd)		Price, Givens	DT	6-4	310		Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor)
28	Cockrell, Byerson	DB	6-0		Sr.	Columbus, Miss. (East Mississippi CC) (Columbus)	79	Decker, Michael	OL.	6-4	285		Omaha, Neb. (North)
28 29	Taylor, Adam Graham, Nolan	IB DB	6-2 5-11	210 200	So. RFr.	Katy, Texas (Katy) Firth, Neb. (Norris)	82 84	Moore, Alonzo Cotton, Sam	WR TE	6-2 6-4	195 250	Jr. Ir	Winnfield, La. (Winnfield Senior) Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
29	Nabity, Graham	IB	6-0	210	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)	85	Snyder, Matt	TE	6-5	245		San Ramon, Calif. (California)
30	Kitrell, Bo	FB	6-1	225		Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)	86	Sutton, David	TE	6-3	255		Lincoln, Neb (Southeast)
31	Young, Conor	WR	6-1	170	Fr.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)	87	Reilly, Brandon	WR	6-1	195		Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
32	Cross, Imani	IB	6-1	240	Sr.	Gainesville, Ga. (North Hall)	88	Dzuris, Ross	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
32	Davis, Alex	DE	6-5	230	Fr.	Riviera Beach, Fla. (Dwyer)	88	Hoppes, Tyler	TE	6-4	240	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Wayne State) (Southwest)
33	Bailey, Christian	WR	5-11	205	So.	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente)	89	Ketter, Connor	TE	6-5	245		Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
33	McKay, Garrett	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	Anaheim Hills, Calif. (Santa Ana College) (Servite)	90	McMullen, Greg	DE	6-3	280	Jr.	Akron, Ohio (Hoban)
34	Brown, Drew	PK	5-11	180	So.	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)	91	Akinmoladun, Freedon		6-4	255		Grandview, Mo. (Grandview)
34 35	Newby, Terrell Janovich, Andy	IB FB	5-10 6-1	200 230	Jr. Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade) Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)	92 92	Urbach, Chase Williams, Kevin	LS DT	6-3 6-2	200 275		Grosse Pointe, Mich. (Grosse Pointe South) Holland, Ohio (Springfield)
36	Karel, Reid	ATH	6-3	190	Fr.	Seward, Neb. (Seward)	94	Davis, Khalil	DL	6-2	265		Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
37	Lazaro, Noah	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Southwest)	95	Gangwish, Jack	DE	6-2	265		Wood River, Neb. (Wood River)
37	Mazour, Wyatt	RB	5-9	190	Fr.	Albion, Neb. (Boone Central)	95	Lindsay, Spencer	PK	5-9	205		Kearney, Neb. (Kearney)
38	Jordan, Harrison	FB			So.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	96	Davis, Carlos	DL	6-2	265		Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
39	Nelson, Jordan	IB	5-7	180	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)	97	Rath, Logan	DT	6-4		Jr.	Giltner, Neb. (South Dakota St.) (Giltner)
40	Betka, Ty	WR	5-7	165	Jr.	Superior, Neb. (Drake)	98	Valentine, Vincent	DT	6-3		Jr.	Edwardsville, III. (Edwardsville)
40	Ober, Jordan	LS	6-1	200	rr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)	99	Newell, Peyton	DL	6-3	2/0	RFr.	Hiawatha, Kan. (Hiawatha)



2015 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	L, Mississipi State 34, 16
Sept. 12	W, Austin Peay 52-6
Sept. 19	W, Texas State 56-50
Sept. 26	@ Nebraska
Oct. 3	North Texas
Oct. 10	@ Marshall
Oct. 17	UT-San Antonio
Oct. 24	@ Charlotter
Nov. 6	UTEP
Nov. 14	@ Rice
Nov. 21	Old Dominion
Nov. 28	Louisiana Tech

2014 RESULTS

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@ Mississipi Sate	L, 0-49
Alcorn State	W, 26-20
@ Alabama	L, 12-52
Appalachian State	W, 21-20
Rice	L, 23-41
@ Mid Tennessee	L, 31-37
@ North Texas	W, 30-20
Louisiana Tech	L, 20-31
@UTEP	L, 14-35
Marshall	L, 17-63 -
@ UT-San Antoni	o L,10-12
UAB	L, 24-45

HEAD COACH

Todd Monken is in his third season as the head coach for the Golden Eagles with a 6-21 record. He has

had his work cut out since taken over for Ellis Johnson



went 0-12. An offensive minded coach, Monken is well experienced in getting his teams to put up points and yards. Before Southern Miss he coached receivers for Oklahoma State, LSU and the Jacksonville Jaguars as well as being the offensive coordinator at OSU.



Ito Smith stiffarms a would be tackler.

Story By Shane G. Gilster • Photos by Patrick Lowery, Southern Miss Athletics

Expect a more competitive game in 2015

Two years ago the Nebraska vs. Southern Mississippi game wasn't close. But the Golden Eagles had a first-year head coach and were talent-depleted on both sides of the ball. Southern Miss went on to a 1-11 finish, giving up almost 42 points per game while averaging only 17.

This year the talent level is better and line play has been solid. That combination always spells success. Southern Mississippi is 2-1 and should be able to make it a watchable game this time around in Lincoln.

Nebraska is smarting over an overtime loss to Miami, Fla. and has a 1-2 record. Expect NU to have a better showing against the Golden Eagles and play a more complete game.

Prediction

The Huskers will have to withstand a potent offensive attack by Southern Miss, but should be able to withstand it in Lincoln and put up some points of their own.

Nebraska 46 Southern Mississippi 24

Last meeting

Nebraska 56, Southern Mississippi 13

Sept. 7, 2013 at Lincoln, Nebraska

The last time Nebraska and Southern Miss hooked up was in 2013. The game got off to a bad start for the Golden Eagles as NU defensive backs Stanley Jean-Baptiste and Ciante Evans returned first-quarter interceptions for touchdowns in a blow out 56-13 win

The Huskers held Southern Miss to 284 yards and intercepted four passes, with the first two picks going for early touchdowns. Starting quarterback Allan Bridgford threw three and backup Nick Mullens threw one interception.

They also held the Golden Eagles to 62 yards rushing that included nine tackles for

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loss. Meanwhile the NU offense racked up close to 480 yards of total offense.

Individually for Nebraska, quarterback Taylor Martinez threw three touchdowns and running back Ameer Abdullah ran for over 100 yards for two scores.

"I was disappointed in the way we played to start the football game," said Southern Miss coach Todd Monken. "Come to a tough place to play, start the opening series, get a first down, then turn it over, and it leads to a score. Second week in a row we've done that early in the game. It really makes it difficult to come back."

Offense has firepower

Ten starters return for the Golden Eagles which means it should be better than last year's offense which averaged only 19 points per game. Through three games the offense is averaging 41 points. Sophomore running back Ito Smith is one of the main reasons why the offense is making strides.

"Ito is a good space player," Monken said. "Since he has gotten here, he has made some big runs that started in practice. He does the exact same thing in practice that he does during games. Ito makes people miss, he accelerates well, and is hard for people to get their hands on him."

But in addition to Smith in the running game, Southern Miss got a huge performance from senior running back Jalen Richard who ran for 230 yards and four touchdowns in last week's win against Texas State.

Defensive line sets tone

Southern Miss only returns 5 starters on defense, losing their top tackler and sack leader. But the strength of this unit starts with the defensive line.

"If you are good up front, there is so much you can do. Our defensive line dictates how we were going to play on defense," head coach Todd Monken said.

One of those line players that is standing out this year is junior Dylan Bradley.

"Dylan is a third-year guy that has never redshirted. He's been a little nicked up at times in the past," Monken said. "Dylan is hard to block and has a real knack for getting off of blocks."



Nick Mullens

Bradley, a Mississippi native isn't a huge lineman -6-foot-1, 265 pounds – but is very versatile. "He's a guy you can play on the edge and can move inside in passing situations," Monken said. Another guy is senior Michael Smith who is the Golden Eagle's only preseason first-team allconference selection for 2015. The 6-foot-4, 285 pounder is a good fixture on the interior of the defensive line.

Last game

Southern Mississippi 56, Texas State 50

Played Sept. 19, San Marcos, Texas

Southern Mississippi got big offensive performances from quarterback Nick Mullens and running back Jalen Richard in a 56-50 shootout win over Texas State. Mullens threw for over 300 yards and four touchdowns and Richard ran for over 200 and another four scores.

After trailing 21-25 at halftime, the Golden Eagles gained control of the game early in the fourth quarter and led 49-28 until a late barrage of points from the Bobcats made it close in the end.

Location: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Enrollment: 14.845 Founded: 1910

Stadium: Carlisle-Faulkner Field

at Roberts Stadium

Stadium Capacity: 36,000 Nickname: Golden Eagles

Mascot: Seymour Colors: Black & Gold

Defense: 4-3 Offense: Spread 2014 Record: 3-9

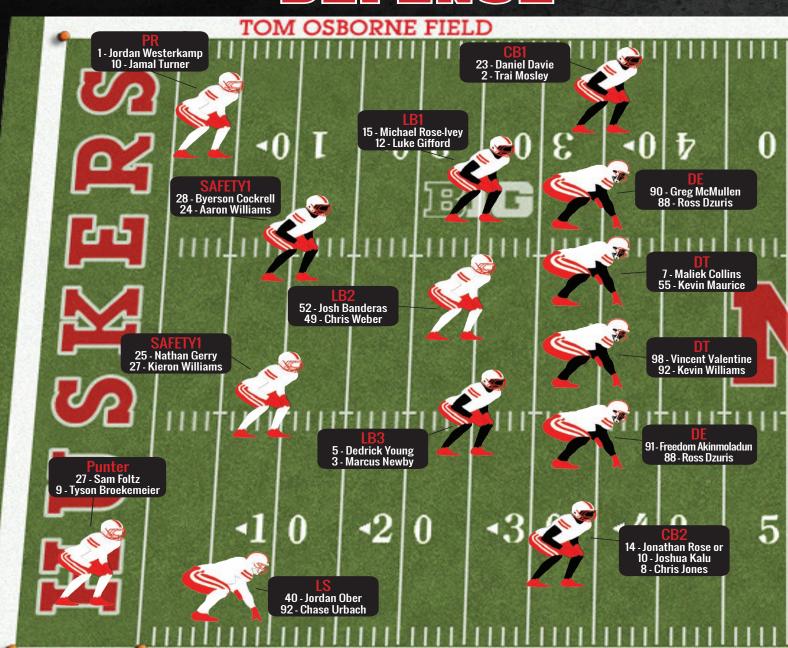
Conference: Conference USA **Letterwinners Returning: 59** Starters Returning: (15) 10

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Projected Depth Chart

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BIGTEN NOTEBOOK

ACC gets upper hand on Big Ten during five Saturday matchups

Ohio State looks beatable in struggling to 20-13 win over Northern Illinois at home.

EVEN THOUGHT ONLY the sport of basketball features the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, the two conferences were pitted against one another five times on the gridiron Sept. 19, and things didn't bode too well for the Big Ten.

The ACC posted a 3-2 record.

Nebraska appeared as though it would cap a remarkable fourth-quarter comeback and beat Miami in the Sunshine State only to fall in overtime, while Purdue and Illinois were blown out by Virginia Tech and North Carolina, respectively.

Big Ten West Division teams Northwestern and Iowa were the lone conference representatives to hold serve against the ACC. The Wildcats notched a road win against Duke, while the Hawkeyes beat Pitt at home.

Meanwhile, No. 1 Ohio State survived quite a scare by Northern Illinois in Columbus. The Buckeyes prevailed to move to 3-0.

Four other Big Ten teams are also still unbeaten, including No. 4 Michigan State, Indiana, Northwestern and Iowa.

Following *Huskers Illustrated* takes a look at football happenings around the Big Ten.

EAST DIVISION

INDIANA

The Hoosiers are off to a 3-0 start, but haven't beaten anyone of note - Southern Illinois, Florida International and Western Kentucky. Nonetheless, IU has won three games in a row for the first time in five seasons under head coach Kevin Wilson. The Hoosiers, who were last 3-0 in 2010, had to rally in the second half after trailing 28-17 at halftime to beat the Hilltoppers in Bloomington. Running back Jordan Howard ran for 203 yards and quarterback Nate Sudfeld threw for 355 yards and three touch-

downs for the Cream and Crimson. IU used another good third quarter to post the W. The Hoosiers outscored Western Kentucky 21-0 in the third, and have now outscored opponents 44-0 in that quarter this season.

MARYLAND

Caleb Rowe notched his first start of the season at quarterback for the Terrapins and responded with four touchdown passes and nearly 300 yards passing to help his team bounce back from last week's loss to defeat South Florida. Rowe did throw three interceptions and fumbled three times, but the bottom line was he guided his team to a victory.

"He did some very good things," Maryland head coach Randy Edsall said. "But as a quarterback, you can't throw three picks. Those picks led to their points. There's still a whole lot of things he needs to do to get better."

Edsall named Rowe the starting quarterback following last week's 21-point loss to Bowling Green.

MICHIGAN

The Wolverines won for the second straight week, having little trouble with visiting UNLV. Ty Isaac was the story. The USC transfer rushed for a career-high 114 yards, including a 76-yard touchdown.

In the Wolverines' previous win over Oregon State, De'Veon Smith ran for a career high. This week, though, it was Isaac's turn.

"We don't ever talk about any running back controversy," head coach Jim Harbaugh said. "Quarterback controversy, I'll address that. Whenever you want to know who the starting quarterback is, I will talk to you about that."

With that said, Harbaugh did come to the defense of his No. 1 quarterback Jake Rudock, despite him having six turnovers

EAST DIVISION

2015 Standings

Team	Overall	Conference
Penn State	2-1	1-0
Ohio State	3-0	0-0
Michigan State	3-0	0-0
Indiana	3-0	0-0
Maryland	2-1	0-0
Michigan	2-1	0-0
Rutgers	1-2	0-1

WEST DIVISION

Team	Overall	Conference
Iowa	3-0	0-0
Northwestern	3-0	0-0
Illinois	2-1	0-0
Wisconsin	2-1	0-0
Minnesota	2-1	0-0
Nebraska	1-2	0-0
Purdue	1-2	0-0

Sept. 19 Results

North Carolina 48, Illinois 14
Maryland 35, South Florida 17
Michigan 28, UNLV 7
Michigan State 35, Air Force 21
Minnesota 10, Kent State 7
Northwestern 19, Duke 10
Miami (Fla.) 36, Nebraska 33 (OT)
Ohio State 20, Northern Illinois 13
Virginia Tech 51, Purdue 24
Wisconsin 28, Troy 3
Indiana 38, Western Kentucky 35
Penn State 28, Rutgers 3
Iowa 27, Pittsburgh 24

Sept. 26 Games

Bowling Green at Purdue
Kansas at Rutgers
BYU at Michigan
Central Michigan at Michigan State
Southern Mississippi at Nebraska
Indiana at Wake Forest
Maryland at West Virginia
San Diego State at Penn State
Ohio at Minnesota
North Texas at Iowa
Western Michigan at Ohio State
Middle Tennessee at Illinois
Hawaii at Wisconsin
Ball State at Northwestern
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in the first three games. Rudock was just 14-of-22 for 123 yards passing with a touchdown and an interception.

MICHIGAN STATE

The Spartans remained perfect on the season with a two-touchdown victory over Air Force. Quarterback Connor Cook threw for 247 yards and four touchdowns. Three of those scoring strikes went to Aaron Burbridge, who caught eight passes for 156 yards. The Spartans needed a big game through the air because they only ran for 77 yards.

"We've got to run the ball more effectively and protect the quarterback better, which has not been a problem," MSU head coach Mark Dantonio said. "But they put a lot of guys up there, brought a lot of pressure, so we need to be able to hand those situations."

Dantonio's Spartans led 14-0 after RJ Williamson scored on a 64-yard fumble return in the first quarter. Their lead was 28-7 at halftime.

OHIO STATE

The Buckeyes were thought to be stacked at the quarterback position, but after their seven-point home victory over Northern Illinois, the starting job appears to be up for grabs.

That's because Cardale Jones, who started against NIU, threw two interceptions. J.T. Barrett came on in relief, but he wasn't better. Jones and Barrett led an offense that only generated 20 points against the Huskies. As to who will start under center next week for Ohio Stat, head coach Urban Meyer is uncertain.

"I don't know," said Meyer when asked who the starter will be. "I haven't had time to think about it. It (the offense) is discombobulated right now."

Meyer's defense, led by Darron Lee, helped avoid what would've been a gigantic upset. Lee made a great interception and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown to increase OSU's lead to 20-10 in the third quarter. It was a defense that held the defending Mid-American Conference champion, who were a 34-point underdog to the defending national champions, to

190 total yards and 10 first downs.

PENN STATE

The Nittany Lions used a 21-point second quarter to cruise past visiting Rutgers in the 2015 Big Ten opener.

Penn State had a pair of backs run for more than 100 yards apiece.

Saquon Barkley ran for 195 yards on 21 carries and a pair of touchdowns and teammate Akeel Lynch ran it 10 times for 120 yards and a score.

Lion quarterback Christian Hackenberg was just 10-of-19 passing for 141 yards and was intercepted once.

Penn State has won two straight since its season-opening loss to Temple.

RUTGERS

The Scarlet Knights capped what was a very long week with a loss at Penn State.

On the Wednesday prior to the game, the university released its report detailing a month-long investigation that led to a three-game suspension and \$50,000 fine of football head coach Kyle Flood.

Flood was disciplined for pressuring a teacher to change a player's grade.

Access to the football team and interim head coach Norries Wilson was shut down in the week leading up to the Penn State game.

Against the Nittany Lions, Rutgers quarterback Chris Laviano completed 22-of-36 passes for 213 yards, but was picked off twice.

The Scarlet Knights only managed 43 yards rushing on 32 carries.

WEST DIVISION

ILLINOIS

After cruising in its first two games, the Illini found life on the road much more difficult as North Carolina rolled to a 34-point win.

It was the first loss the Illini have suffered this season under interim head coach Bill Cubit after his team won its first two games by a combined score of 96-3.

The Tar Heels, who led Illinois 20-7 at halftime, dominated the second half to record their most lopsided victory against a power-conference opponent in five years.

Illinois took its opening drive of the second half and marched to UNC's 2-yard line, but came up empty after a fourth-down incompletion.

"When you play these type of teams, you've got to take advantage of every situation," Cubit said. "We didn't. It deflates the sideline at times."

Illini running back Josh Ferguson ran for 133 yards and a touchdown, but the Illini defense struggled against quarterback Marquise Williams, who threw three passes and also ran for 105 yards.

IOWA

The Hawkeyes posted a thrilling victory over visiting Pittsburgh as Marshall Koehn hit a 57-yard field goal as time expired for the game winner.

Ironically, Koehn was short on that 57-yard attempt on the prior snap, but Pitt called a timeout to ice him.

Thanks to Koehn's boot, Iowa is off to a 3-0 start for the first time since 2009.

Koehn's kick was set up thanks to quarterback C.J. Boatyard, who threw for 258 yards. He drove the Hawkeyes 31 yards in under a minute to give Koehn a chance.

Keep in mind, every year the Hawkeyes have started 3-0, they've advanced to a bowl game that season.

MINNESOTA

Golden Gopher head coach Jerry Kill wasn't exactly thrilled after his team nipped Kent State.

"We did win," said Kill, who heard a chorus of boos directed at his team's lackluster effort.

"I don't have the magical answer right now, but I better get it, or I don't deserve to be here."

Kill watched the only touchdown of the game being scored when quarterback Mitch Leidner threw a scoring pass to K.J. Maye.

Leidner threw a pair of interceptions in the first half to Kent State freshman cornerback Demetrius Monday, who also returned a fumble he forced 80 yards for his team's only score.

"I'm not going to make any comments

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on the quarterback," Kill said. Kill's defense did hold the Golden Flashes to 142 yards on 59 plays.

NORTHWESTERN

If you're looking for the most improved team in the Big Ten, look no further than Pat Fitzgerald's Wildcats, who are 3-0 and ranked in the top-25.

Northwestern running back Warren Long ran for a 55-yard touchdown and recovered a fumbled punt return to help spark his team's victory at Duke.

Another star for the Wildcats was Solomon Vault, who returned the opening kickoff of the second half for 98 yards for a score.

Northwestern's defense was good, too, as it forced three turnovers.

So the Wildcats are 3-0, just like they were in 2014 when they then lost nine straight to end the season.

"Everybody (in the locker room) really is not concerned with what other people think of us," Fitzgerald said. "We've been a part of that roller-coaster ride for a couple years. We tore down that roller coaster and burned it."

PURDUE

Year three of the Darrell Hazell era isn't off to a good start as his Boilermakers are 1-2 after a 27-point home loss to injury-riddled Virginia Tech.

The Hokies were the third team in Hazell's three seasons in West Lafayette to score 50-plus points on Purdue's defense.

Furthermore, Hazell's Purdue teams have just five wins in those three seasons, three of which are over FCS teams so his job security might be the most unsettling of any other head coach in the Big Ten.

Hazell's team had a tough time against Hokies' back up Brenden Motley.

He threw for a pair of scores and ran for another, but did fumble three times.

One of those fumbles came in the red zone and Purdue returned for a touchdown.

But the Boilermakers also had a punt



Kevin Maurice knocks the ball away from South Alabama quarterback Cody Clements.

blocked that resulted in a touchdown and got a sub-par performance from starting quarterback Austin Appleby, who was a mere 9-of-28 passing for 110 yards and threw two interceptions.

Appleby guided an offense that gained just 265 yards.

"We couldn't get in any rhythm (offensively)," Hazell said.

WISCONSIN

It was an odd one against Troy in Camp Randall Stadium, but the Badgers won for the second straight week.

The Badgers had a pair of defensive

players ejected for targeting in a game that had a brief delay due to an errant fire alarm.

It was the second straight week that Wisconsin didn't allow a touchdown.

Wisconsin, which led 14-3 at the break, became the eighth program from one of the five power conferences with 100 victories since 2005.

Badger quarterback Joel Stave completed 13-of-17 passes for 202 yards and a touchdown.

Wisconsin's defense held Troy's fast-paced offense to 255 total yards, 84 below its season average. (Ohio).



A Stroll Down Rasmussen Road With

SHANE SWANSON

Football Player 1982-84

Column by Butch Rasmussen • Photo from Huskers Illustrated Archives

The guy started wrestling steers and roping calves at rodeos for kids, advanced to the Buffalo Bill Rodeo in North Platte, Nebraska - Cody's own - and qualified for the High School National Finals Rodeo all 4 years in high school.

Shane Swanson was an All-State tailback at Hershey, Nebraska

High School during his junior and senior years and a four year varsity starter in football and basketball. He earned gold medals in Class C at the state track meet in the 100 meter dash and the 4×400 meter relay.

Then one day in 1980 Tom Osborne assistant Milt Tenopir came calling for the Huskers and Swanson accepted a full ride scholarship to play football for Nebraska. It came with one caveat: Thou shalt not rodeo. Thou shalt not rodeo during the season. Thou shalt not rodeo during the summer. Thou shalt not rodeo period.

Swanson got the idea. He shalt not rodeo. He never had an injury in the rodeo ring or on the football field, a testament to his toughness.

As a freshman at Nebraska he remembers walking into the lockerroom one day with roommate Mike Knox rather unsure if he should even be in there as a newbie. Knox pointed to a big guy getting dressed and said "see that guy,? That's Dave Riming-

ton. He puts his pants on one leg at a time just like we do."

Swanson fell into the class one year behind the legendary Scoring Explosion of Turner Gill, Irving Fryar and Mike Rozier. He was a wingback like Fryar and said he learned a lot from Fryar but Fryar had so much natural ability that Swanson had to work so much harder than Fryar.

Swanson's most memorable moment of his Husker career came for him in October 1984 in Lincoln as the Huskers played host to the Oklahoma State Cowboys. The AP had Nebraska ranked #8 in their poll and OSU #9 and UPI had it just the opposite.

It was a very tight game, 3-3 midway through the 4th quarter when the Cowboys punted from their 4 yard line at the south end of Memorial Stadium and Swanson took the ball at the Okie 49 yard line, found a hole and cut to his right, juked a defender at the 20 and it was open field to the end zone , untouched for a 49 yard go ahead touchdown. The Huskers added another touchdown by Jason Gamble for a final score of 17-3.

Upon completing his college football eligibility Swanson was

drafted in the 12th round of the 1985 NFL draft by the Cleveland Browns, played in 4 preseason games and was released just before the season began.

Then came stops with the Denver Broncos, and the Philadelphia Eagles before the infamous 1987 player's strike, which involved

picket lines and all the ugliness associated with that. Then the phone rang. It was the Broncos wanting Swanson to break the picket line and help them build a strike breaking team as a wide receiver and a punt return man.

Swanson knew the position it put him in as a scab player but he saw this as a great opportunity and maybe his last opportunity to get his foot in the door.

The ABC sports crew interviewed Swanson and wondered about his feelings about the scab label and breaking the picket lines to play football but Shane had been cut so many times and waived and denied so many opportunities that he saw a scab as just a wound trying to heal.

He played in 3 games for the Broncos before the strike ended and he took advantage of every opportunity. He had a 35 yard pass reception for a touchdown, a 50 yard kickoff return and a 33 yard punt return.

Along the way he broke Rick Upchurch's record for all purpose yardage

in a game by about 40 yards by posting a 298 single game total against Kansas City on October 18, 1987.

How'd that feel Shane? "Awesome," he said.

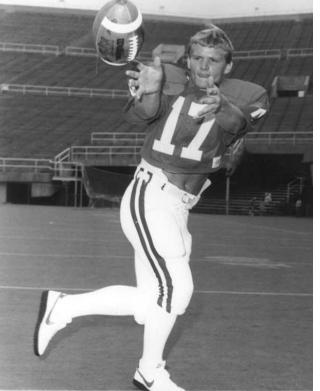
Headlines in the Denver Post the next day shouted his accomplishments but the Bronco front office evidently wasn't impressed and cut him the same day.

One consolation: Denver went to the Super Bowl and because he played in 3 games he qualified for half the playoff money which put \$32,000 in his pocket. That put a bit of a Band-Aid on the wound.

Swanson is a Pharmaceutical salesman for Teva Pharmaceuticals who travels about 5000 miles a month and he and his wife Michelle have built a new home between Loveland and Estes Park, Colorado where Michelle, a former RN is going to school to become a message therapist for dogs and plans to open a new business as a therapist.

This all came about when Shane and Michelle began rescuing greyhounds from their terrible treatment after their racing days were over and they could no longer produce money for their owners.

A compassionate and worthy venture for sure.



Shane Swanson



Story By Shane G. Gilster • Photo courtesy of NU Media Relations.

Huskers score with defense as Julius Jackson was twice in the right place at the right time

Nebraska 20, Southern Miss 13 Sept. 18, 1999 in Lincoln, Nebraska

If it wasn't for Julius Jackson, the No. 4/6 (AP/Coaches) Nebraska Cornhuskers might have been upset by the unranked Southern Miss Golden Eagles.

The senior linebacker from Gainesville, Texas scored two touchdowns, one on an interception return and the other on a fumble return to help the Huskers escape with a 20-13 win.

Jackson and his Blackshirt teammates forced a total of six turnovers to go along with five sacks, helping out a Husker offense that had only 185 yards of total offense. Jackson began the scoring when he scooped up a fumble caused off a Kyle Vanden Bosch sack of USM quarterback Jeff Kelly, and raced 16-yards for the touchdown.

The extra point was missed but NU led 6-0. Southern Miss regained its composure by forcing a turnover of its own and capitalized on it with an 8-yard touchdown pass from Kelly to wide receiver Todd Pinkston.

The Golden Eagles did not miss their extra point and had their first lead of the game at 7-6.

Nebraska's offense, led by quarter-back Eric Crouch, found little success against the aggressive USM defense. Not only did the Golden Eagles hold NU under 200 yards of total offense, they forced three fumbles and intercepted two Crouch passes.

"They used a multiple approach in their defense," said NU head coach Frank Solich. "They showed us different fronts and mixed things up. And that's certainly what you'd expect from them. They have very good speed. Their front seven are fine football players and they have an All-American rush end. It's not a team that you can just line up and move it with consistency."

The high powered rushing attack of the Big Red was almost a non-factor in the game except for when the Huskers scored their only offensive touchdown of the game. Junior fullback Willie Miller broke through the Southern Miss defense for an eight-yard touchdown run.

The two-point conversion failed but Nebraska was back on top at 12-7. That was how the score would stay as halftime concluded in what was brewing up to be a tight, defensive ball game.

Southern Miss struck first in the second half with a five-yard touchdown pass from Kelly to wide receiver Sherrod Gideon to regain the lead for the Golden Eagles at 13-12. The two-point conversion wasn't kind to either team as USM tried its attempt but came up empty. Nebraska was successful with its two-point conversion, on a run by I-back Dan Alexander, and took a 20-13 lead into the fourth quarter.

USM made two serious attempts to send the game into overtime, but Craver saved the day with an interception to end both drives.

Thanks to the Blackshirt defense and the opportunistic Jackson, the Big Red remained unbeaten at 3-0 heading into the Big 12 Conference action.

"This was a dream game for any defensive player," Jackson said. "The offense struggled, but they gave us the intensity it took to win the game and that is what matters. As a defense, we felt like we had to win the game today."



Eric Crouch and quarterback coach Turner Gill couldn't get



the offense on track against Southern Miss back in 1999, but NU still won 20-13.

2015 Schedule **Nebraska Invite at Devaney Center** Aug. 28 Tulsa W, 3-0 (1-0) Aug. 29 Grand Canyon W, 3-0 (2-0) Aug. 29 Pittsburgh W, 3-1 (3-0) Vertical Challenge at Austin, Texas Sept. 4 Texas L, 3-2 (3-1) W, 3-2 (4-1) Sept. 5 Oregon **Ameritas Challenge at Devaney Center** Sept. 11 **UC Davis** W, 3-0 (5-1) Sept. 12 **USF** W, 3-0 (6-1) Sept. 12 Georgia Tech W, 3-0 (7-1) Sept. 15 at Creighton W, 3-0 (8-1) W, 3-1 (9-1) Sept. 19 at Iowa State Sept. 23 at lowa 7 p.m. Sept. 26 lowa 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at Penn State 6 p.m. Oct. 3 at Ohio State 6 p.m. Oct. 7 Mich. State 7 p.m. Oct. 10 Michigan 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at Northwestern 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at Illinois 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 Minnesota 7 p.m. Oct. 24 Wisconsin 7 p.m. Oct. 30 7 p.m. **Rutgers** Oct. 31 Maryland 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at Purdue 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at Indiana 6 p.m. **Nov. 11** at Mich. State 6 p.m. **Nov. 14** at Maryland 6 p.m. **Nov. 18** Indiana 7 p.m. **Nov. 21** at Michigan 6:30 p.m. Nov. 25 Illinois 7 p.m. Nov. 28 **Penn State** 7 p.m. Dec. 4-5 NCAA 1st, 2nd Rds TBD Dec. 11-12 NCAA Regionals - TBD **Dec. 17 NCAA Semis at Omaha Dec. 19 NCAA Final at Omaha Amber Rolfzen**

Amber Rolfzen transitions from right side hitter to middle blocker

Story by Bob Hamar • Photo by Jimmy Rash

Amber Rolfzen had two years under her belt as a right side hitter for John Cook's Nebraska volleyball team. She played well on the right, but Cook thought there might be a better place for her.

"I just think, and I've thought this since day one, Amber's best position is in the middle," Cook said before the season. "I'm going to leave it at that. We'll see what plays out, but I think that's always been her best position."

The first three weeks of the season did nothing to change Cook's mind. Rolfzen's move to the middle has gone well. Cook was impressed with what she did during the Ameritas Classic Sept. 11-12 at the Devaney Center.

"In one match she blocked more than our other two middles did for the weekend," Cook said. "She did that twice. She's a great blocker. That's why we put her in there. She can block balls."

Rolfzen started to make the transition to middle in the spring. She really began to feel at home in the middle when the Huskers swept Kansas State 3-0 in an exhibition match April 25 in Grand Island. Rolfzen had two solo blocks and seven assists against the Wildcats.

"I was a little nervous going into spring, but I think the Kansas State match kind of proved to myself I could do it," Amber said. "We had a good Kansas State match."

Rolfzen came to the Huskers with high accolades out of Papillion-LaVista South, where she helped the Titans to three-straight state championships. She was named the eighth best player in the nation by prepvolleyball.com and was a two-time winner of the Nebraska Gatorade Volleyball player of the year.

She didn't play middle in high school volleyball, but did play there some during her club experience. When she joined the Huskers in 2013, Cook needed her on the right so that's where she played.

But when the coaches talked about it after last season, moving to middle seemed like the thing to do. "Right side and middle are similar kinds of positions," Cook said. "We sat as a coaches group and said, 'Who's the best pin blocker in the Big Ten? Amber.' She's a great blocker. Put her in the middle. Now she can block the whole net."

Rolzen played in five of the first eight matches of the season. She missed both matches at the VERT Challenge in Austin, Texas, against Texas and Oregon with an abdominal issue, but after the third week of the season she led the Huskers in total blocks.

Rolfzen said playing middle is more demanding physically than the right side because of the movement required.

"You work a lot harder," Rolfzen said. "If you're on the right side, you only have to block one person, maybe two, and go straight back in transition every time. At middle you can go side to side. You're in every single play. When you're on the pin you're only going to be in like half the plays because the ball isn't going to go to the same pin all the time. You just work a lot harder (in the middle) to get where you need to go."

Rolfzen hasn't gotten a chance to play the back row as much this season as in the past. She served more her first two years as a right side player, but very little so far this season. Rolfzen understood that as a middle the opportunities in the back row could be cut.

"My freshmen and sophomore years were very up and down whether I served or not," Amber said. "I think that's just one thing. In the middle, you don't get many opportunities to play the back row. If you have a good serve, the coach will probably keep you in so you can stay in the back row for as long as you are serving."



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EARLY LOOK AT CENTURYLINK

The Huskers got an early look at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha when they played Creighton there on Sept. 15. Cook wanted them to play there because that's where the Final Four will be in December.

The Huskers last played there in a loss to Oregon in the 2012 Regional Final. All the seniors on this year's team were there as freshman, but Meghan Haggerty was the only one that played in the regional.

The Creighton match gave all the Husker players a chance to find out what it's like to play in the CenturyLink Center. That's good preparation for a possible Final Four appearance later on.

"This is kind of the first step towards that," Cook said. "... It's kind of a rehearsal. We still have a lot of work to get there, but I think it's a good motivator for our team to get to experience that."

Cook certainly has some fond memories of playing in Omaha. The Huskers entered the Creighton match with an 18-5 all-time record at the Qwest Center/ CenturyLink Center. That includes winning the 2006 national championship in the Qwest Center.

"Omaha is a great sports town," Cook said. "It's really cool. When I go to CenturyLink all the ushers and everybody knows me."

PRODUCTION IN THE MIDDLE

The Huskers struggled to get the middle blockers going a year ago.

Meghan Haggerty hit .213 and Cecilia Hall.

This year through nine matches, Haggerty was hitting .460, Hall .323 and Amber Rolfzen – who was just moved from the right side to the middle – .279.

Haggerty was getting plenty of kills on what the Huskers call the "dog," also known as the slide where the middle goes around the setter to the outside and gets a set at the pin.

Setter Kelly Hunter has had more success setting that than Mary Pollmill-



er had a year ago.

"Just have to keep working at it," Cook said. "It's a timing-trust thing. Meghan has hit for a really high percentage. Amber, I think her being out (for a weekend) really slowed her down but at times in practice she's hit it really well, and (Hall) has hit as well as she ever has.

"But it takes a really good set. Kelly has to nail that set. It's something we have to continue to develop."

BALANCED HUSKERS' ATTACK

The Huskers showed much better balance this year through the first nine matches.

Kadie Rolfzen led the hitting attack with 3.24 kills per set with Kelsey Fien right behind at 3.18. Four other players were at two or more kills per set.

Last year it was the left sides – Rolfzen, Fien and Alicia Ostrander – getting most of the sets. Cook said it's mostly improved passing and Hunter at center that accounts for that improved balance this season.

"It's passing and it's Kelly, and it's just that we have to be more balanced," Cook said. "We can't just rely on the left side all the time. That was kind of what we did last year. We have to be able to kill balls in the middle zone and on the right."

FOECKE MOVES TO THE LEFT

Cook started freshman Mikaela Foecke on the right side this season. Just before the Ameritas Classic he switched her back to the left and moved Kadie Rolfzen to the right.

The results were positive. Foecke responded with 37 kills in 60 swings with just four hitting errors (.550 hitting percentage) in the three matches. She played well enough that she was named Big Ten co-freshman of the week.

"When you don't make errors you have a chance to win," Cook said. "We've got some work to do with her over there, especially out of system and when she is going to get against bigger blocks, but she certainly got off to a good start."

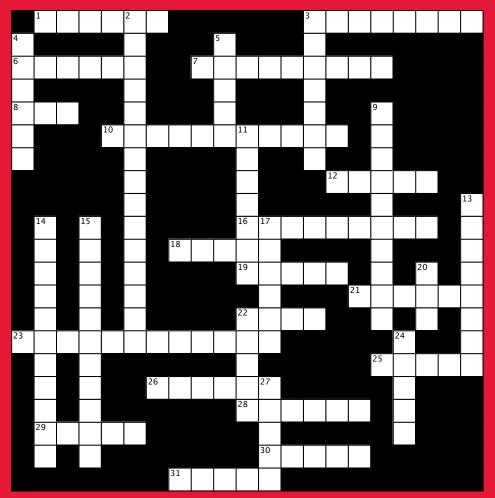
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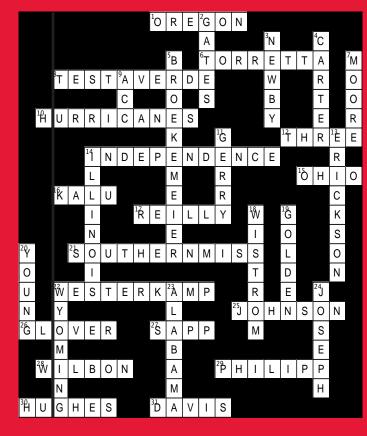
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- **Houston Texans**
- 16. 7th NU QB to surpass 4,000 career pass-
- ing yards
- 18. Ex-Southern Miss quarterback who won
- **Super Bowl with Packers**
- 19. Tommy Armstrong's home state
- 21. Ex-Husker halfback in 2015 NU Hall of
- Fame class
- 22. NU's division in Big Ten Conference
- 23. Southern Miss nickname
- 25. Running backs coach
- 26. Southern Miss head coach
- 28. Wears No. 87 (offense)
- 29. Wears No. 66 (offense)
- 30. Southern Miss school color
- 31. Wears No. 13 (offense)

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- 2. Recent addition to 2020 schedule
- 3. Nov. 14 opponent
- 4. Wears No. 8 (offense)
- 5. Number of Southern Miss wins in 2014
- 9. Terrell Newby's home state
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- 14. Freshman defensive end who made 1st career
- start vs. South Alabama
- 15. Nate Gerry's home state
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